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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated December 2, 2004. The three month shortened statutory period for responding to the Office action expired on March 2, 2005. Accordingly, Applicant hereby requests and petitions that the period for response be extended for one month to April 4, 2005, since April 2, 2005 was a Saturday. Please charge the \$120 fee for this one month extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 050877.

- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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